

REMARKS

Claims 22-27 and 29-43 are currently pending. Claims 22, 27, 29, 30, 37 and 42 are amended. Claim 28 is cancelled. New claim 43 is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the new claims and remarks made below.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's allegations with regard to the claims rejection under §103(a), Applicants have amended independent claims 22 and 37 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 28. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 22-27 and 29-43 are now in a condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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